

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended): A method for producing a polarizing film, comprising:
playing out a plurality of films from a plurality of rolled raw films;
dyeing the films and
stretching the films,
wherein ~~the films are vertically aligned~~ each individual film of the plurality of films is horizontally aligned in a vertical fashion and simultaneously dipped into at least one type of processing liquid without contacting each other.
2. (Original): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1,
wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.
3. (Previously Presented): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1,
wherein the films are made of polyvinylalcohol and the processing liquid contains a dichroic substance in the dyeing step, and then the dyed films are uniaxially stretched in the stretching step.

4. (Original): A polarizing film obtained by the method according to claim 1.
5. (Original): An optical film comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4 and an optical layer provided on at least one side of the polarizing film.
6. (Original): A liquid crystal panel comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.
7. (Original): An image display comprising the polarizing film according to claim 4.
8. (Original): The liquid crystal panel according to claim 6,
wherein the liquid crystal panel is produced by an in-house production method.
9. (Original): The image display according to claim 7,
wherein the image display is produced by an in-house production method.
10. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for producing a polarizing film, comprising:
a plurality of rolled raw films;
one processing bath containing one type of processing liquid;
a film delivery holder provided in the one processing bath and configured to deliver a plurality of films which are played out from the rolled raw films in a state where each individual

~~film is the films are~~ horizontally aligned in a vertical fashion ~~vertically aligned~~ so as to simultaneously dip the films into the processing liquid without contacting each other.

11. (Original): The apparatus for producing a polarizing film according to claim 10, wherein the number of the films is 2 to 4.

12. (Previously Presented): The method for producing a polarizing film according to claim 1, wherein a total stretch ratio is from 3.0 to 7.0 in the stretching.